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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FBO FUNDS

REF: STATE 103169
MARTINIQUE 201

1. STATE 103169 ADVISED MARTINIQUE ITS FBO ALLOTMENT OVERCOMMITED. MARTINIQUE'S 201 ARGUED THAT ALLOTMENT NOT ACTUALLY OVEROBLIGATED: POST WAS ABLE RENEGOTIATE PANTRY RENOVATION AT SAVING APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 470 (NOT RPT NOT SAVING OF DOLLARS 600 AS INCORRECTLY REPORTED MARTINIQUE S 201 WHICH OVERLOOKED ONE CHARGE OF FRANCS 624). NEVERTHELESS, ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND PROCUREMENT WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FORESEEN IN POST'S ORIGINAL BUDGET SUBMISSION DOES MEAN THAT POST'S FBO ALLOTMENT WILL BE OVEROBLIGATED UNLESS ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING.

2. DETAILS FOLLOW:

A) COMPRESSOR ON SIX-YEAR OLD REFRIGERATOR IN RESIDENCE COLLAPSED AND LOCAL FIRM ESTIMATED REPAIRS WOULD COST DOLLARS 250. SINCE COST OF REPAIR EXCESSIVE CONSIDERING VALUE OF REFRIGERATOR, REPLACEMENT HAD TO BE ORDERED APRIL 23 BY PURCHASE ORDER 400411 AT COST DOLLARS 640 INCLUDING FREIGHT.

B) WHEN PIPES IN BATHTUB BURST FLOODING UPSTAIRS OF RESIDENCE, THERE WAS NO WAY TO GET AT THESE PIPES WITHOUT BREAKING THROUGH TILE WHICH FORMS OUTSIDE OF TUB. REPAIRS AND REPLACING TILE
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WITH REMOVABLE PLATE TO FACILITATE FUTURE REPAIRS COSTS DOLLARS

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246 AS PER PURCHASE ORDER 400343 OF MAY 16.

C) NOW ANTIQUE JERRY-BUILT FUSE BOX WHICH SERVES KITCHEN HAS SHORTED OUT WHILE 4-WIRE POWER LEAD THERETO HAS BECOME WORN AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ESTIMATED COST OF REPLACING FUSE BOX AND POWER LEAD DOLLARS 150.

D) INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, OFFICIAL RESIDENCE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A OVEN SINCE DECEOBER RPT DECEMBER. BECAUSE BURNERS AND GRILL WORK, ON THIS SIX YEAR -OLD STOVE, POST HAS BEEN TRYING TO REPAIR OVEN WITHOUT SUCESS. NOW REPAIR MAN HAS GIVEN UP EVEN THOUGH POST HAS ALREADY SPENT DOLLARS 173 FOR PARTS FROM US AND DOLLARS 150 IN LOCAL LABOR CHARGE. REPLACEMENT THIS STOVE URGENT AND WILL COST DOLLARS 670 INCLUDING FREIGHT.

3. PLEASE NOTE CURRENT PRINCIPAL OFFICER SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED THIS JULY. THUS HE WILL NEVER SEE NEW REFRIGERATOR OR STOVE. HE DOES FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT HIS SUCCESSOR SHOULD ARRIVE IN MARTINIQUE KNOWING A NEW REFRIGERATOR IS ON ITS WAY AND THAT DIET OF GRILLET AND FRIED FOODS IS EVENTUALLY GOING TO BE RELIEVED BY SOME BAKED ITEMS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) PLEASE ALLOT ADDITIONAL DOLLARS 396 IN FUNCTION 610 TO COVER COSTS OF REPAIRING FLOODED BATHROOM AND SHORTED FUSE BOX.
B) PLEASE ALLOT ADDITIONAL DOLLARS 1,533 IN FUNCTION 350/620 (REIMBURSE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS REPAIR OVEN DOLLARS 223, REPLACE REFRIGERATOR DOLLAR 640 AND ORDER NEW STOVE 670.)
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